KENTUCKY SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING FRANKFORT, KY 01-04-12

- I. Call to Order
- H. Roll call for Board Members Introduce visiting sheriffs and guest
- III. Pledge
- IV. Recognition of guest ----Peter Gallagher & John Higgins EMPCO Iac.
- V. Review of previous minutes
- VI. Treasurers Report - Sheriff Korzenborn
- VII. K\$A Executive Directors Report Jerry Wagner KSA Boys and Girls Ranch
- VIII, Presidents Agenda - Shcriff Sparrow

 - NSA Mid Winter Conference Jan. 18th 21st D.C. –
 NSA Summer Conference June 17th 20th Nashville (Deadline for reservations is March 1" go thru Corky)
 3. Committee Assignments — See Attachurch
 - IX. Legislation 2012 Report-John Aubrey
 - X. KACO Report Bruce Hampton
 - XLOld Business
 - New Business NoNe XII.
 - XIII. Next Meeting Adjourn

KENTUCKY SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION 01/04/2012 Frankfort, KENTUCKY

Meeting called to order at 10:00 AM Eastern Standard Time.

Colonel pat Morgan called role. Sheriff's absent: Sheriff Korzenborn, Sheriff Blackburn, Sheriff Gaines, Sheriff Cain, Sheriff Pate, and Sheriff Whittaker.

Colonel Pat Morgan certified a quorum.

Motion was made by Sheriff Coffey and seconded by Sheriff Young to excuse the absent board members. Motion was approved unanimously.

MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING

Motion was made to approve the November 29, 2011 minutes made by Sheriff Melton and seconded by Sheriff Young to approve the minutes of the prior meeting as written. Motion was approved unanimously.

Guest: Sheriff Marcum Calloway County Sheriff Byars Marshall County Sheriff Campbell Nelson County

EMPCO pre employment testing presented a packet to board members. The KSA will review and make decision at next meeting see attached.

KENTUCKY SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION SECTERARY/TREASURER REPORT

November 28, 2011 through 01/01/2012 Paid bills per President Hampton or Board Approval at KSA Meeting

KSA Operating Account Balance as of 01/01/2012	\$ 1,458.55
KSA Savings Account	\$ 131,517.49
KSA Scholarship Account as of	\$ 453.91
KSA Convention Account as of	\$ 11,238.59

Dues Collected for the Year of 2011

The totals dues billed for the year 2011 are \$118,056.00. As of 12/31/2011 \$113,688.00 for a total of (96.30%) has been collected. That leaves an outstanding balance of \$4,368.00

See Attachment of Account Details.

See attached for Check and Deposit Detail.

Motion to Accept Sheriff 2nd Sheriff

UNPAID BILLS FOR BOARD APPROVAL

Motion to Accept Sheriff 2nd Sheriff

KSA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT KSA BOYS/GIRLS RANCH REPORT KSA Executive Director Wagner Report

KSA Executive Director Jerry Wagner- copies of the November 2011 Financial reports where distributed to the board.

Motion was made to approve the KSA Boys and Girls financial report made by Sheriff Melton and seconded by Sheriff Matthews. Motion was approved unanimously.

KSA conference- 2013-2014 Final information will be distributed at next meeting.

Retired Sheriff Bobby Hammons grandson is not any better shape from accident. He is still in a coma.

Carol Stephens the wife of Walter Stephens and owners of Walter Stephens Badge Company who are big supporters of the KSA passed away over the holidays.

Sheriff Wright from Crossroads Ford is having a demonstration of the new Ford Taurus on January.

PRESIDENT AGENDA

NSA Winter Conference- Washington D.C. 01/18-1/21/2012 No Block of Rooms

NSA Conference Opryland Nashville TN, - 06/17/2012-06/20/2012; The KSA has block of Rooms Contact KSA Director Jerry Wagner or Corky Wagner before February 28. See attached form;

Committee Assignment: See attached.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Sheriff Aubrey-The KSA will be working on legislation to help increase the Court security fees. Sheriff Aubrey has been speaking to his legislators about this. KSA Director Wagner is going to ask what the amount would the amount of the payout was for the fiscal year of 2010 and 2011 and try to work out an arrangement with the legislators.

Sheriff Aubrey- the Louisville Metro council has passed an ordinance to restrict the Constables authority. Senator Denton has introduced a bill to abolish the office of Constable through a Constitutional amendment.

Sheriff Aubrey- introduced Deputy Mike Funk and Deputy Bill Burch from JCSO who will be in Frankfort representing the JCSO FOP and will assist the KSA during the Legislative session.

Sheriff Williams-the bill has been sent to the representative in reference to KRS 75.450 the existing law to add the percentage for the collection of fire fees, and fire dues. A letter will be sent to KFA in reference to this change. Sheriffs may receive calls from legislatures.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Sheriff Aubrey-The Meth bill and the legalization of pseudoephedrine has been file. A compromise is being proposed by limiting the purchase amount of pseudoephedrine by using Casper and Appriss to have a list to identify offenders.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Sheriff Aubrey- Retirement update the briefs are in, now the decision to re introduce a bill to allow individuals to come back without any benefits and not have to pay the health insurance back to the Commonwealth for retirees.

KSA Director Wagner- the KBA (Kentucky Bank Association is working hard to change the tax law by not allowing the 3rd party purchasers to buy these bills. The question has been asked if the sheriffs will send the delinquent bills to the Department of Revenue.

NEW BUSINESS

Sheriff Peoples- updated the web sites with new information from the spreadsheet sent through email. The new information may go into the directory.

Sheriff Melton thanked all Sheriff's for sending deputies to the inauguration parade.

President Sparrow welcomed the three new board members to the meeting.

KACO REPORT

Annual Report given to board.

KLEC REPORT

See Sheriff Cain's report attached.

NEXT MEETING

The next **KSA Board Meeting** will be February 8, 2012 in the afternoon in Frankfort. Time TBA

Motion to adjourn was made by Sheriff Eaton and seconded by Sheriff Melton. Motion was passed unanimously.

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 3, 2012

TO:

KSA Board of Directors

FROM: Sheriff Keith Cain

REF:

Issues of December 2011 Board Meeting

Sheriff's.

Regarding questions/concerns received at our last Board meeting that were directed to me for action, despite the Holiday leave time for many who needed to be contacted. I believe I have made some progress. Pollowing are the issues and what I have learned to date:

L) KRS 228A.428(7) training numbate regarding forfisted assets.

DOCJE/KLEC records indicate (and are corroborated through discussions with the formers' Operation's Division) that several existing classes fulfill the statutory requirement (for example the Sheriff's Conference in 2008 and Mid-Level Executive's Course work 2009, both included forfaiture objectives and materials). Further, classes that will fulfill the 228A perquisite should be clearly distinguished in future training calendars. Additionally, the Council's obligations will be noted at the upcoming February meeting. Steve Lynn (KLEC general counsel) will, at my direction, make a presentation to the council relative to the matter.

2012 course offerings that will include as scheduled/Porfeiture Training (through DOCJT

- Kentucky Sheriff's Conference 2012 (subject to approval of KSA Board of Directors)
- Police Executive Command Career 2012
- Consent Leadership Issues for Mid-Level Executives 2012
- Kentucky Investigations 2012
- DEA Basics Narcotics Investigation School 2012

IL) General Education Degree (GED)/Home Schools -

I have requested Stove Lyan to make contact with Sheriff Rodney Coffey, Menifee County, (who expressed his concerns reference this issue at the December Board

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meering), to discuss the policies of KLEC and why their guidelines are in place. Mr. Lynn routinely handles inquiries regarding home schooling and has had numerous conversations with the Department of Education concerning these standards. To date, he has not been able to make contact with Sheriff Coffey, but again at my request, he will do so immediately after the Holidays. I will have a detailed report reference this at our February meeting, but did not want to do so until Mr. Lynn has had the opportunity to discuss it with Sheriff Coffey at length.

III.) Mandatory Duties of the Sheriff Class.

I have discussed, with several persons at DOCJT, the possibility of offering this class more often. With the asserance that numerous Sheriffs' would take advantage of this, DOCJT has indicated they are open to doing so. I have suggested that Jerry Wagner, moch (as Chair of the KLFC), Don Pendteton (Deputy Commissioner DOCJT) and any interested Sheriff – meet within the next couple moath to discuss the logistics (reference curriculum, instructors, etc.) of this endeavor. (With the General Assembly starting, scheduling may be an issue, but I'm confident we should be able to do so).

I think those are all the issues I was requested to follow up on. Since I will not be able to attend next wook's Board meeting. I thought it important the Board was made aware of my progress thus far.

As always, it has and continues to be, my honor to represent Kentucky Sheriffs' as Chair of the KLEC. It is a responsibility I take seriously.

Should anyone have questions concerning these matters, please do not besitate to contect me.

KENTUCKY SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS 2012

Scholarship Committee

Charlic Williams, Chairman – Hardin Chris Eaton – Barren Chuck Korzenborn – Kenton Kevin Corman – Jessamine Troy Young – Anderson Todd Pate - Breckinnidge

Awards Committee

John Aubrey – Chairman – Jefferson Bruce Hampton – Harris Garrell Roberts – Lawrence Mark Matthews – Bourbon Todd Pate – Breckinridge Køyin Corman – Jessamine

Site Committee

John Auhrey Chairman Jefferson Jerry Gains Warren Chuck Korzenborn – Kenton Pat Motton – Franklin Chris Carson – Wolfe Mark Matthews - Bourbon

Long Range Planning Committee

Keith Cain - Chairman - Daviess Saeve Sparrow - Oldhem Gazrett Roberts - Lawrence Rodney Coffee - Menifee Pat Melton - Franklin Jerry Gaines - Warren

By-Laws and Constitutions Committee

Charlic Williams - Chairman - Hardin John Aubrey - Jefferson Kevin Byars - Murshall Wayne Wright - Woodford Craig Peoples - Pendleton Rodney Coffee Menifee

KENTUCKY SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS 2012

Nominating Committee

Steve Sparrow - Chairman - Oldham John Aubrey - Jefferson Charlie Williams - Hardin Zemer Harrenond - Owen Troy Young - Anderson Chris Carson - Wolfe

Ranch Committee

Jerry Wagner – KSA / Ranch Director Chris Baron Barren Kevin Byars Marshall Kent Murphy – Lyon Garrett Roberts – Lawrence John Blackburn – Floyd Craig Peoples Pendleton Rodney Coffee – Menifec Bill Marcum – Calloway

legislative Committee

John Aubrey -- Chairman -- Jofferson John Blackburn -- Floyd Chuck Korzenborn -- Kenton Chris Faton -- Barren Jeny Wagner -- KSA / Ranch Director Livy Leovell Christian Bill Marcum Calloway Pat Melton -- Franklin (ANY AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED SHERIFES)

Fund raising Committee

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Anyone interested in being on a committee, please contact your President or your Executive Director.

Proposal

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Kentucky Sheriffs' Association

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Proposal

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Proposal

We propose that an agreement be entered into between Empco, inc. ("Empco") and the Kentucky Sheriffs' Association ("KSA"). The agreement will allow Empco to conduct entry-fevel written pre-employment examinations for prospective Sheriff Deputies, Corrections Officers, and other related employees. Under this agreement:

KSA will

- Appoint Empor as the exclusive party to manage and conduct online State-wide entry-level written examinations. The term of this agreement shall be for a threeyear period of time; but can be cancelled by either party after one year by giving 90 days written notice. This agreement may be extended after the this brocyear term.
- Allow Empco to add the necessary web site links to KSA's website
- Endorse, support and promote the alliance with Empce by encouraging Sheriffs' participation,
- Allow Entpot to use, with prior approval, KSA's name and logo in Empco's advertising, literature, etc..
- · Appoint an Advisory Board to advise Empco.

Empco will:

- Pay a royalty to KSA, quarterly, equal to \$5.00 per paid candidate,
- Develop and manage the entire examination process.
- · Provide test scores to all Sheriffs electronically,
- Arrange for, contract, and administer a minimum of 8 proctored test sites throughout the State (e.g., colleges, academies, etc.).
- Design, and pay for, a web site that will link to KSA's web site. This new wab site
 will administer the entire program (e.g., apprications, appointments to test, on line
 testing, tost scoring and electronic distribution of scores to Sheriffs). Empco will
 work with KSA's web designer to create a seamless link between the two sites.
- Manage, monitor and secure the web site and database,
- Manage examination appointments,

- Proctor and conduct the examination,
- Score the examination.
- Electronically distribute scores to all Sheriffs on the web site
- Receive payments from candidates,
- Grant KSA access to an audif program to verify the fees earned,
- Conduct a transportability study to ensure test validity.
- Charge candidates 100% of the fees for the examination process.
- Offer a "scholarship" to hardship candidates through KSA,
- Carry proper insurances,
- Indemnify the KSA and Sheriffs, against liability for any suits, actions, or claims of any character arising from or relating to the performances of Empco or its subcontractors under this Contract.
- tise KSA's name, with prior approval, in advertising and conversations with prospective clients, such as, "Authorized by the KSA...", or 'In cooperation with the KSA...", or, "Empco and the KSA...", or, etc.,
- Write professional articles for KSA and others,
- Continually update the Policy and Procedure manual and provide a copy to KSA.
- In the event of cancelation of this agreement, give to KSA in usable form, candidate records in the database.
- Gives KSA sole and exclusive rights to the use of this system within the State of Kentucky for the life of this agreement.

Other Stakeholders:

Other stakeholders have an interest in this proposal. Their participation is explained

Sheriffs will be encouraged to participate by:

- Advertising normally when openings exist,
- Directing candidates to KSA/Empco's website to register for the examination
- Obtaining candidate's profile and examination scores from Empso's password protected website.
- Contacting candidates directly and following normal hiring process.
- Being allowed to continue with any testing program currently in place rather than using this new KSA supported system

Candidates will be required to:

- Apply on-line for the testing process and an appointment time to test,
- Pay the testing fee.
- Take examination at a prostored test site.
- Wait for a Shariff to contact them for an interview, background check, etc.

About Empco

Empco is a Michigan Based Corporation. If was incorporated in 1985. Empco. Inc. specializes in employment relationships with an emphasis on employment testing in the public sector. Our focus is on entry level and promotional assessments for sheriffs, public safety and municipal positions.

In 1987, Empco began conducting promotional testing for police departments in Michigan. From our offices in Troy, we have grown into the largest firm in the state providing promotional testing to law enforcement and the fire service. Empco also serves a number of clients in 15 states outside of Michigan.

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Values

Integrity before profit.

Vision.

Combine valid festing techniques with modern technology to produce superior results more efficiently.

Mission

Our mission is to provide a valid, reliable and efficient employment testing process using procedures grounded in Federal and State laws under the name of the Kentucky Sheriffs' Association to ensure the most qualified candidates.

Goals

The goal of this agreement between the KSA and Empto is to reduce hiring costs and risk exposure of Kontucky Shoriffs caused by hiring unqualified or unfit candidates by:

- Establishing well defined, pre-employment statewide screening processes compliant with all applicable pre-employment laws, regulations and Commissions.
- Assuring the adherence to all minimum employment standards Statewide
- Reliably screen-out candidates whose cognitive abilities or other jobrelated factors render them unsuitable or unqualified for appointment as an employed.

·	Accepted by:
	Empoo, Inc.
	John J. Higgins, President Date:
	Kontucky Sheriffs Association
	Jeny Wagner, Executive Director Date:

What is the Sheriffs' Association Testing Program (SATP)

SATP is an online, encry-level cesting and recruiting system that will be customized for sponsorship by the Kentucky Sheriffs' Association. Empro develops and manages the entire program for the Association and sharps revenue with the Association. Local onbegas (academics) are recruited, trained and paid by Empro recorduct a proctored, online test. Candidates, in the comfort of their home, complete an online profile apply for a test location/date/time, seeds which shortiffs they want to work for, and pay for the entire process online. Sheriffs retain contact information and test scores of qualified candidates who want to work for them as no charge—it's free

The proposed Kentucky Shariffs' Association Costing Program (SATF) is designed to halp shariffs recruit and hire the best qualified candidates in the State with lower costs and with a simplified Lectuting process. Every stakeholder in the process comes out ahead:

Sheriffs Lenefic in numerous ways:

- The system is free for sheriffs to use. Therefore there is significant cost savings in the recruiting and hiring of entry level corrections officers and depictes.
- Shoriffs are provided with a list of candidates that meet their minimum qualifications.
- Detailed information about each qualified candidate is provided to the sheriffs, including: the candidate's profile, contact information and a test score.
- The system is all online, thereby eliminating the selection "paper pushing" saving staff time.
- Computer system filters candidates, so the sheriffs only see a list of qualified applicants who want to work for a specific sheriff.
- Pool of top candidates is much larger because the system is statewide.
- Each sheriff knows that candidates meet their minimum standard for hire.
- The process meets CALEA standards.

Kentucky Sheriffs' Association Testing Program—SATF

Candidates are the biggest beneficiary in the process:

- While the candidate has to pay an initial fee, they save time and money.
 - α . Only one application and one test for many sheriffs.
 - σ . Takes less time off from current job to take numerous entry-level tests.
- The candidates choose which sheriffs are able to view their information.
- Candidates can choose a test site, date and time most convenient for them.
- Conflicting test dates are avoided when a candidate is applying to multiple departments.
- Candidates are able to view test scores online within 72 hours.
- Candidates are able to re-test using a different version of the test.
- Candidates can update their profile from the comfort of their home.

Sheriffs' Association gains:

- The association can offer its members a service that saves member's time and money.
- The association shares in the revenue.
- Standardizes the hiring process statewide.
- Is able to provide members with a process that meets CALEA standards.
- The system elevates professionalism throughout the state.
- The association is indemnified from legal risk by Empco.

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History of the Sheriffs' Association Testing Program (SATP)

In 1995. Empto presented a concept to the Oakland County (Michigan) Chiefs of Police for a cooperative recruicing and Lexing program. Numerous departments in southeast Michigan used this program until 2011. Beginning with manual distribution of tandfdate's records, the Law Enforcement Hiring Consordum (LEHC) moved to a wab based system in 1999. Empto did the recrumment advertising, conducted an entry-level test and an onal board. Scores and a candidate's resume work made available to police departments online. When a department hired, they paid a fee to Empto.

In 2008, the Michigan Sheriffs' Association asked Enabora to develop a recruiting and testing system for Corrections Officers as part of their program to establish minimum standards for new Corrections Officers. We prosented a working online system that we risled the Sheriffs' Association Testing Program (SATP) to MSA in 2006. This program works successfully for more than 60 Michigan Sheriffs.

in 2011, the Indiana Sheriffs' Association began using a website modeled on Michigan's. The abeity coltest for Deputy Sheriffs and Reserve Deputies was added to both sizes. This program works successfully for more than 70 Indiana Sheriffs.

In 2011, the Badger Suite Sheriffs' Association entered into an agreement to use the system in Wiscensin beginning in February 2012.

In 2011, over 100 police and fire departments in Michigan began using an onlive program modeled off the sheriff's online system as a replecement to the system that began in 1995,

Currently, five additional scapt shoriff associations are in some phase of adopting SATP customized for their scate.

Who is Empco?

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Kentucky Sheriffs' Association Testing Program—SATE

How are Some using the Program

Vigo County, Indiana Initial Announcement

Vigo County Shoriff Greg Ewing has emphasized the importance of hiring the highest quality candidates to fill variables within the Vigo County Sheriff's Office. To reach that goal the Sheriff has instructed his staff to develop a hiring process that will include, written tests, interviews, background investigations, drug tests, gaychologica, and physical examinations to find the very best of the best.

Recently the Indiana Shorliff's Association has teamed with by Tech and Empte Incorporated to offer standard entiry level written tosting for the positions of Merit Deputy, Correctional Officer, Communications Officer, and Reserve/Special Officer.

Not only will the applicants' score the available to departments of their choice, but their resume and contact information will be available to departments via a ascure internet site. This means that departments will be able to use this system to not only retrieve and verify test scores, but also as a regional remulting tool. The result of the examination will be available to and accorded by numerous Sheriffs' Departments throughout the State of Indiana.

We are pleased to announce that by Tech Terre Haute will be offering those examinations beginning Monday March 14ch, 2011. Testing for the position of Merit Deputy will take place on Mondays at 0930 and Tuesdays at 1730. Testing for Correctional Officer will take place on Wednesdays at 0930 and Thursdays at 1730. Testing for Reserve/Special Officer will take place on Saturdays at 0930. We currently have requested testing through April 23rd, 2011.

To test for Vigo Councy Merit Doputy, Correctional Officer, and Reserve/Special Officer, interested parties will need to register for resting at https://www.empco.net/ind

Presented applicants will first register, then schedule an exam. The applicant only useds to register once. After registered, they may return later to update information, schedule additional tests, and review test scores. There is a non-refundable fee of \$75.00 to take an examination. Once the applicant has completed the ossing, our staff will review test scores. Applications will then be anxield to qualified canditates. The conclidate will be instructed to return the application along with required attachments for further processing

Graduages of the Indiana Naw Enforcement Academy or equivalent and encouraged to apply.

of you have any questions please feel free to contact Chief Deputy Clark Cottom at clark cottom@yigocounty.in.gov

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How are Some using the Program

Test Site Initial Announcement

by Tech Community College Hosting Law Enforcement Candidate Testing

College students and graduates pursuing a career in criminal justice are invited to take the National Corrections Officer Selection layoutery or the National Criminal justice Officer Selection Inventory texts at by Tech Community College Southern Indiana in Selectsburg. Those who pass the test will be eligible for law enforcement and corrections positions in indiana.

The best is being given at the behest of the Harrison Councy Shortiffs Office, which currently has openings for deputies, according to Wayne Kessinger, chief deputy and chief of poure in Harrison Councy.

This cope, are open to the public. Those with law enforcement experience or training are encouraged to register for the test, if a participant passes the test, results will be available for other law enforcement agencies looking to fill open positions both within Indians and actionally, if the participant indicates they are willing to move for a job.

The tests are being effered by EMPCO Inc., a Troy. Michigan based examples that conducts original justice testing across the country. By Tech is xerving as the testing site and administrating the tests, which are developing site to the testing site and administrating the tests, which are developing site to the testing site and administrating the tests, which are developed by computer.

The tests will be administered on March 12 in two sessions of 22 yeaple each, 9 to ± 1 a.m. or 12 to 2 p.m. at the lay Tech main comput, 8204 Highway 311, Selfersburg.

Anythre wants to take the tests and invited to do so. Registration is \$75, and principants may register critical at www.empounet. If you have questions about the testing process, call (\$12) 246-3301 cxt. 4520 an 4156.

About by Tech Community College

by Tech Community Codego is the state's argest public post-secondary institution and one of the nation's largest singly-according statewide community college systems with more than 200,000 students enrolled annually. By Tech has compasse throughout Indiana, it serves as the state's engine of workforce development, offering attordable degree programs and training that are aligned with the noods of its community along with courses and programs that cranifer to other codages and universities in laddens. It is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and a member of the North Central Association.